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MEMORANDUM FOR Commanders, Directors, Office Chiefs of Team WSMR

SUBJECT: Policy Letter #4: Prevention of Sexual Harassment

- 1. The Department of the Army is committed to providing a work environment free of sexual harassment. Sexual harassment in the work place can ruin careers, destroy a victim's health, lower productivity, and cost an organization millions in legal and settlement fees. I am totally committed to the Army's policy. Our soldier and civilian teammates must be treated with dignity and respect.
- 2. Sexual harassment is defined in AR 600-20 as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature and is an exercise of power, domination, and control. Both men and women can be victims of sexual harassment by anyone in the work place supervisors, co-workers, employees, or non-employees. All soldiers and employees have a role to play in assuring a professional environment conducive to getting the job done. I charge each individual with the responsibility to maintain a professional attitude, treat others with dignity and respect, and monitor his/her own behavior.
- 3. It is imperative that installation leaders take positive action to ensure a work place free of sexual harassment. I hold leaders and management responsible for setting a good example; actively monitoring the work environment; publicizing and supporting the installation's prevention of sexual harassment policy; keeping subordinates informed on penalties for discrimination; providing sexual harassment training; conducting swift, fair inquiries into allegations; and taking appropriate disciplinary action.
- 4. Sexual harassment is an inappropriate behavior that, in working together, we can prevent from occurring at the work place. The education of all soldiers and employees and a strong commitment to prevent sexual harassment are essential.
- 5. There is zero tolerance for error with this policy.

6. Please disseminate this policy to all personnel and post a copy on official bulletin boards.

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